

The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

There will be no meeting of the Episcopal guild this week. All members take notice.

The meeting of the Eldeen club to have been held this week has been postponed until January 3, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Halligan, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Yost and Miss Marjorie Den left last night for Camp Cody to visit relatives and friends.

Buy your lady friend's Xmas gifts at a ladies' store, specializing in practical, useful wearables and furnishings only. BLOCK'S, of course.

Mrs. Cody Boal and Mrs. Roland Ginn leave Thursday for Camp Cody to visit their respective husbands who are stationed there.

On account of the inefficient working of the heating plant at the Junior high school building, school was not held there yesterday.

Station Agent Redmond was asked by wire this morning to locate Lysie Carlile, of Chicago, aged nineteen, who is supposed to be stranded somewhere between Omaha and Cheyenne.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alexander arrived this morning from Oakland, Cal., and will spend Christmas with relatives and friends. For five years past Mr. Alexander has been switching in the Western Pacific yards at Oakland.

Come and buy a piano for the family; we will sell you a piano this week cheaper than you can steal one. The Walker Music Co.

Roy Barnard went to Lexington this morning to transact business. Mr. Barnard wrote the copy for a recent historical and booster edition of the Lexington Clipper-Citizen of twenty-four pages which was very creditable.

Rev. Ray E. York, of Lincoln, will address the mid-week meeting of the Baptist church on Wednesday evening at 7:45. Mr. York is the talented and resourceful state secretary of the Nebraska Baptist Convention. Every member of the church and congregation is urged to be present and hear him. A. C. HULL, Pastor.

Have Reached No. 348.

The questionnaires mailed out to drafted men are taken in the order in which they appear in the draft registration; starting at No. 1 and running down the list. Those who have been sent to Camp Funston are excluded, but all others will receive a questionnaire which must be filled out.

Saturday the numbers sent out ran from No. 2 to No. 116, yesterday the numbers were from No. 117 to No. 233, and those sent out today will run from No. 234 to No. 348. Eighty-three questionnaires are being sent out each day.

No Christmas Greetings.

Washington.—There will be no holiday amenities between American and German troops along the western fronts or anywhere where troops of the United States are located. If the Germans attempt to fraternize and exchange Christmas greetings they will be replied to with bullets. The American troops along the fronts are riled over losses among their comrades, the war department announces, and are not in the mood for exchanging of holiday greetings.

That Mysterious Light.

A couple of weeks ago The Tribune referred to the people of Hershey seeing an airship pass over their village and later told of night workers in the railroad yards seeing an ariel vehicle of some sort. In both instances the general public scoffed at the idea of an airship and insisted that these people had been drinking booze imported from Cheyenne and were seeing things. It now develops that these men were not mistaken; that they actually saw a moving object in the sky and that object was a balloon from Ft. Russell. At that fort there is a balloon squad and for a month past maneuvering has been carried on at night, and some times it gets 250 miles from home. Going or coming the balloon shows but one light, which has the appearance of a large star, but when turned sideways three or four lights appear.

John Winn and Otto Westenfeld visited friends in Omaha Sunday.

Red Cross Workers Needed.

The greatest need of the Red Cross just now is surgical dressings and in order to furnish our share we need more ladies to make them. Perhaps some do not know that we have two rooms where surgical dressings are made, a room in the Washington school open every school day from 2 to 5 p. m. and in the general work room in the federal building Friday and Saturday afternoon. We can accommodate about eighteen ladies in each room but the average attendance is about six, so the need of more workers is evident. Won't you be one to help bring this number up to eighteen? During the holiday vacation the Washington school will be closed so it will be impossible to work there. We should not discontinue the work for two weeks so we have decided to open a room for this work in the federal building in the evening from 7 to 9:30 beginning Wednesday, December 26th, if there are enough ladies who will work at this time. It will also give those who cannot work during the day and who wish to learn the surgical dressing work an opportunity to take the course. So that we may know whether there will be enough workers to pay to fit up this room, will all those who wish to join this class please notify the chairman of the committee on surgical dressing work, Mrs. Wilson Tout, phone Red 430.

Snow is predicted for this week for the plateau section between the Rocky mountains and the Missouri river by the weather forecaster at Washington. Local Observer Shilling has not yet been heard from on the matter.

The annual mask party of the Travel and Study club was enjoyed last evening by the members at the home of Mrs. W. H. McDonald. Each one present was required to sing a song, tell a story or dance a jig, and these performances created much amusement.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor, form rly of the Block store, is looking up a location for a dressmaking parlor which she expects to open about the 15th of next month.

GERMANY TO SUBMIT A PEACE PROPOSAL.

Amsterdam.—Germany is shortly to transmit her Christmas peace plans, the latest and it is hinted the final terms to the allies, through neutral countries. The tenders will carry with them a pledge of secrecy, according to word received from Berlin.

In the proposed peace plans Germany will assert her political disinterestedness as to Belgium. Alsace-Lorraine will not be mentioned. Nothing will be said in the proposal regarding indemnities or disarmament of fighting forces. The peace program will be more terse than any previously made and it is believed generally will be offered merely to buoy up the spirits of the German people and to make food for the propagandists.

Prohibition Resolution Passes.

The resolution to submit to the states a national prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was adopted by the lower house of congress late yesterday afternoon.

With a vote of two-thirds required for its approval, the vote announced by Speaker Clark was 282 to 128, or 25 more than required.

More Efficiency Needed.

The Tribune seldom registers a "kick," but in behalf of itself and our business men it must register a protest against the manner in which local freight is handled in the North Platte yards. The Union Pacific boasts of its efficiency, yet the service it gives its patrons at North Platte is such as to justify a complaint to the state railway commission, and unquestionably this complaint will be filed. Cars of merchandise consigned to North Platte merchants are "buried" in the yards for a week or ten days, thus disrupting business, causing loss of sales, and a consequent financial loss. Is this service? Is it efficiency? Is it fair treatment to the business men of North Platte? The Tribune does not know where the fault lies; it is not its business to know; but it is the business of The Tribune to demand that the merchants of North Platte be given more efficient service in getting their shipments after reaching this destination. We pay an exorbitant local freight rate; we have a right to demand good service and it has reached a point where we will have that service or know the reason why we do not receive it.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS

J. B. Hayes, of Omaha, is visiting friends in town today.

Leave your orders early at Marti's Meat Market for Buffalo meat from Pawnee Bill's Buffalo Ranch, Pawnee, Oklahoma. 97-3

The Swedish Lutheran congregation will give its Christmas program Sunday evening. On Christmas day at two p. m. they will hold a church service in honor of the day.

Mrs. Joseph Oberfelder, a resident of Sidney since 1881, died in Denver Sunday afternoon after an illness of three months. The funeral will be held in Sidney this afternoon.

C. H. Worley, alias Charles Miller, a brakeman on the Second district, was arrested at Kearney yesterday on the charge of breaking into a car and stealing goods at Forbes, where he formerly lived.

The price-fixing committee at Omaha allowed a two-cent advance in butter and eggs in that city yesterday. Best creamery butter is now selling at fifty-two cents, and best storage eggs at forty-four cents.

Will Baskins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Baskins, formerly of this city, is now on the U. S. S. Maumee, a huge oil collier. In a letter to the home folks he says: "We are on the go all the time as we carry 3,000,000 gallons of oil and provisions, besides we can furnish the destroyers everything they need anywhere."

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. York Hinman last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Arthur Tramp sang beautifully and Mrs. John Evans read a splendid paper on "Christmas Customs." Mrs. Dr. Crook spoke on "Christmas in Our Camps and in the Trenches," which led to a lively round table discussion in which letters from different camps were read and quoted. A birthday cake with lighted candles formed the main decoration in the dining room at serving time. The house was decorated in bells, holly and Christmas things. The "offering" was good.

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John Q. Thacker, a former druggist of North Platte, died last Friday at Kansas City. Mr. Thacker opened a drug store in this city in the 70's and remained here for nearly a score of years.

"Deacon Dubbs," a three act drama play and pie supper beginning at 8 o'clock Friday evening, December 21, at the Leth school, Dist. 122. Everybody invited. Margaret Cawley, teacher.

The longer Passenger Director McIlvane remains in service the more accommodating he becomes, and the courtesies he displays to the woman who is traveling alone and needs advice has won him a reputation extending from Chicago to San Fran. With a smile never lacking, with a kind word for all, and a jovial disposition that attracts the attention of all, Mr. McIlvane is one among thousands. Every stocking in his wardrobe should be filled on Christmas morn.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS MAKING FRIENDS FOR ALL ETERNITY

Bleeding, ragged, starving, freezing, homeless, sick Europe gave utterance to a cry of misery and sorrow and despair, and the American Red Cross has answered it in a magnificent way. In binding the wounds, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, nursing the sick, it is binding Europe to America by ties of friendship that will last through the ages.

The Red Cross is shipping into Paris daily 300 tons of food, clothing, hospital supplies, etc. Much of this is used immediately. The surplus goes into a 100,000-ton warehouse for emergency and against the day American soldiers will start fighting on a large scale.

When emergency comes, the Red Cross is ready. During the recent enemy drive into Italy the Italians appealed for help. Within two days our Red Cross had sent 45 carloads of food and supplies from Paris.

The Red Cross has established in France a factory for the construction of artificial limbs. Within the last few months it has supplied hundreds of French soldiers with wooden legs.

Whatever the Red Cross uses must come from America—must come from generous American hearts and willing American hands. During November the central division of the Red Cross, comprising the states of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska, sent to France 600,000 surgical dressings, 285,000 knitted articles and 335,000 pieces of hospital linen. Yet it can't do enough because it hasn't half enough members.

You Ought to Belong to the Red Cross. Your Help Is Much Needed—Membership Costs a Dollar or Two Dollars for a Year—No More. Be a Patriot—Join Before Christmas Eve.

War Saving Stamps Better than Cash for Christmas Presents

A five-dollar bill in the pocket of your employee doesn't increase in value. A War-Savings Stamp does.

U. S. War Savings Stamps earn for the holder 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, or equivalent to about 4 1/2 per cent. This is the highest rate of interest the government has ever paid or probably ever will pay on the money it borrows.

A War Savings Stamp costs \$4.12 now and in five years will be worth \$5, or it can be cashed in any time at the post office. Thrift Stamp sell for 25 cents and do not bear interest, but they can be turned in as cash on \$5 War Savings Stamp.

Let your employees help win the war. Teach them patriotism and thrift. Buy them each a War Savings Stamp for Christmas. Ask us about it.

First National Bank

Timely Suggestions

The last week before Christmas brings you face to face with a decision. "What to give?" is a question we can help you solve. Our stock of

GIFT GOODS

is extensive and prices suit every pocket book—quality always the dominant feature. Here you will find

Leather Goods	Stationery	Tobaccos
Desk Ornament	Toilet Aids	Cigars
Safety Razors	Perfumes	Candy
Military Hair Brushes	Ivory Toilet Articles	

—and—

101 other Articles of Real Utility.

The Rexall Drug Store

Handsome Footwear For Women.

Dainty Patterns, Charming Lasts.

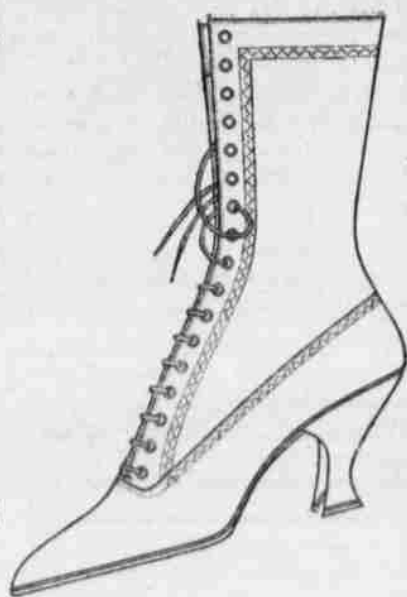
We have just received an enormous shipment of Ladies Shoes. The styles and patterns are

The Very Newest Creations.

The colors are Blacks, Browns and Grays, the most popular shades for winter wear.

Every lady who expects to buy new shoes for the holiday season should come in and see these beautiful styles.

Black Shoes Range in Price from \$3.50 to \$7.00
Colors from \$4.00 to \$8.



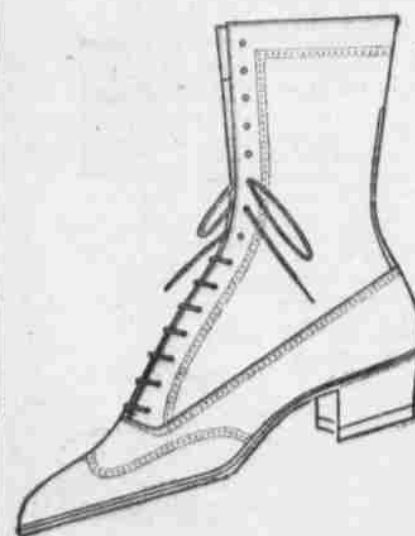
COMFY SLIPPERS.

These slippers make ideal Christmas Gifts for Men, Women or Children.

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT—90c to \$2.25

We Do Repairing.

Our repair shop is now opened and equipped to take care of any and all kinds of Shoe Repairing. All work is neatly done and guaranteed. Very best service. Reasonable prices.



SHOE MARKET

saves You

Money on Shoes.

We Clean and Dye Shoes.

Keith Theatre Block.